

ATHENA MARKET ROTATION

SMA COMMENTARY | QUARTER 2, 2023



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ◆ The portfolio was essentially flat at 0.8% in Q2 versus its Morningstar Global Markets benchmark increase of 5.9%.
- ◆ The US Large-Cap Barometer remained low and continued to indicate Cash Equivalents for the quarter.
- ◆ The portfolio held Cash Equivalents (SHV) for the entire period.
- ◆ Deep behavioral currents may have reached their lows and are trending higher.

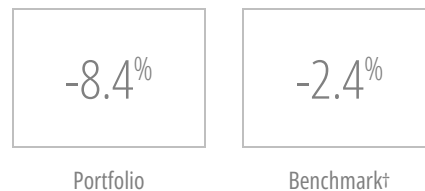
Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Stable value and attractive yield	Did not participate in Q2 rally.

ECONOMIC AND MARKET PERSPECTIVE

- The S&P 500 gained 8.7% in Q2 led by mega-cap stocks. Value stocks lagged but also increased by 3.9% during the quarter.
- GDP grew by 2.0% in Q1, lower than the 2.6% growth in Q4 2022, but nearly matched the 2.1% growth rate for 2022. The labor market remains strong with the June unemployment rate at a near historic low of 3.6%.
- PMI Manufacturing and Services indices remain in the high 40's and low 50's, with the Manufacturing index softening and the Services index strengthening in June.
- Q2 estimated earnings are expected to decline by 7.2%, while Q1 reported earnings dropped less than expected. Forward earnings and prices reflect a 12-month S&P 500 forward median P/E ratio of 19, a bit higher than the five and 10-year averages.
- The one-year change in Core Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) was 4.6% in May and remains above the Fed's annual target of 2.0% for inflation. Based on historical rate hike cycles, it is reasonable to expect inflation to eventually settle in the 2% to 3% range.
- Behavioral indicators returned to normal for all three Market Barometers: US Large Caps, International Developed markets, and US Small Caps. Deep behavioral currents may have reached their lows and are trending higher.

PERFORMANCE^A

Annualized Since Inception (12/1/2021)



△ All performance figures are based on composite portfolio performance on a pre-tax basis with reinvestment of dividends and is net of all trading, custodial, and management fees.

† Portfolio benchmark is the Morningstar Global Markets Index.

Calendar Year Performance



* 2021 return is Dec 1 – Dec 31 and is not annualized.

% ANNUALIZED TRAILING PERFORMANCE AS OF 6/30/2023

	Q2 2023	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS	INCEPT
Market Rotation (Net)	0.8	1.6	2.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	-8.4
Morningstar Global Markets NR Index	5.9	13.2	16.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	-2.4

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